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Gov. Perdue's Budget Focuses on Investing in Our Future

Budget Reflects State's Priorities of Education, Jobs and Supporting Military Families

Gov. Bev Perdue this morning presented her 2012-13 budget for Investing in Our Future, a plan to guide North Carolina toward expanded economic growth and opportunity for its citizens.

Budgets reflect our priorities and who we are as a state, and Gov. Perdue has focused investments in education, jobs and military families and veterans.

"This budget invests in the priorities that all North Carolinians share," Gov. Perdue said. "We must strengthen our ability to educate and prepare North Carolina's children for the future. We must make concrete investments to help companies create jobs. And we must stand up for our military families."

Investing in Our Schools

Investing in education is among the most important things state government can do. It prepares our children to compete in the 21st century global economy. It is also an economic development tool: CEOs thinking about investing or expanding in North Carolina care about education because it ensures them a pipeline of well-trained workers, and helps them attract and recruit top-quality employees who demand good schools for their children.

Gov. Perdue's budget reverses the deep and unnecessary cuts made last year and returns to our historic tradition of investing in schools. Her priorities include:

- Ensuring that there are more caring adults to educate our children by investing resources to save or create more than 11,000 education positions across North Carolina.